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This Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## **LISTING OF CLAIMS**

- (Currently Amended) A wood composite bonded with an adhesive binder composition comprising a urea-formaldehyde resin modified with a protein, wherein the protein was added during synthesis of the urea-formaldehyde resin to modify the resin, said protein provided in an amount of 0.1% to 10% by weight of resin solids.
- 2. (Original) The wood composite of claim 1 wherein the protein is a vegetable protein.
- 3. (Original) The wood composite of claim 2 wherein the vegetable protein is a soy protein.
- 4. (Original) The wood composite of claim 3 wherein the soy protein is a soy flour.
- 5. (Original) The wood composite of claim 4 made using a wood source selected from wood flakes, wood fibers, wood particles, wood wafers, wood strips, wood strands, and wood veneer.
- 6. (Original) The wood composite of claim 5 wherein the adhesive binder composition has a formaldehyde to urea mole ratio in the range of about 0.6:1 to about 1.6:1.

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- 7. (Cancelledl)
- 8. (Currently Amended) The wood composite of claim 7 6 wherein said protein is provided in an amount of 0.2% to 7% by weight of resin solids.
- 9. (Currently Amended) The wood composite of claim 8 wherein the ureaformaldehyde resin is synthesized at a <u>an initial</u> formaldehyde to urea mole ratio in the range of 1.5:1 to 3.2:1.
- 10. (Currently Amendedl) A process for making a wood composite comprising applying an adhesive binder composition to a source of wood material, the adhesive binder composition comprising a urea-formaldehyde resin modified with a protein, wherein the protein was added during synthesis of the urea-formaldehyde resin to modify the resin, said protein provided in an amount of 0.1% to 10% by weight of resin solids, consolidating said wood material and curing said modified urea-formaldehyde resin.
- 11. (Original) The process of claim 10 wherein the protein is a vegetable protein.
- 12. (Original) The process of claim 11 wherein the vegetable protein is a soy protein.
- 13. (Original) The process of claim 12 wherein the soy protein is a soy flour.

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- 14. (Original) The process of claim 13 wherein the wood source is selected from wood flakes, wood fibers, wood particles, wood wafers, wood strips, wood strands, and wood veneer.
- 15. (Original) The process of claim 14 wherein the adhesive binder composition has a formaldehyde to urea mole ratio in the range of about 0.6:1 to about 1.6:1.
- 16. (Cancelled)
- 17. (Currently Amended) The process of claim 16 15 wherein said protein is provided in an amount of 0.2% to 7% by weight of resin solids.
- 18. (Currently Amended) The process of claim 17 wherein the urea-formaldehyde resin is synthesized at a <u>an initial</u> formaldehyde to urea mole ratio in the range of 1.5:1 to 3.2:1.